Simulation Exercise: Investigation of exponential distribution in R and comparison of it with Central Limit Theorem

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Overview

In this project the exponential distribution will be investigated in R and compare it with the Central Limit Theorem. The exponential distribution can be simulated in R with rexp(n, lambda) where lambda is the rate parameter. The mean of exponential distribution is 1/lambda and the standard deviation is also 1/lambda. Set lambda = 0.2 for all of the simulations. The distribution of averages of 40 exponentials is investigated, and thousand simulations were done.

Simulation

Variables:

```
lambda <- 0.2
exp <- 40

mu <- 1/lambda
sig <- 1/lambda</pre>
```

Simulation:

Run simulation 1000 times with size of 40 from an $\text{Exp}(\mu = \frac{1}{0.2}, \sigma = \frac{1}{0.2})$ distribution. Mean is calculated for each simulation.

```
smean= NULL
for (i in 1 : 1000) smean = c(smean, mean(rexp(exp, lambda)))
```

Result

List of variables:

```
smu <- mean(smean)
diff_m <- abs(mu-smu)
svar <- var(smean)
tvar <- sig^2/exp
diff_v <- abs(svar-tvar)

library(ggplot2)
data <- data.frame(smean)</pre>
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Simulation(sample) mean:

 \mathtt{smu}

[1] 5.005954

Theoretical mean:

mu

[1] 5

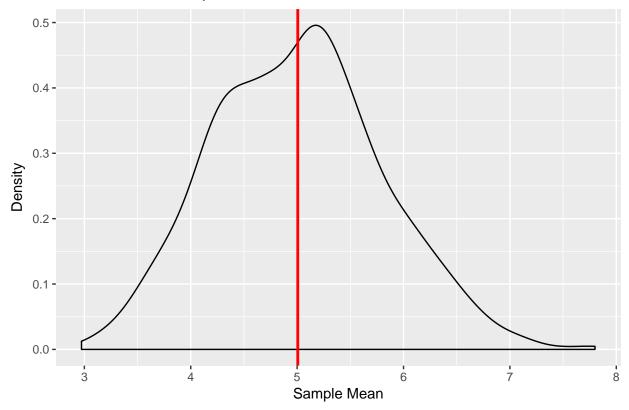
Comparison:

Difference between simulation(sample) mean and theoretical mean:

diff_m

[1] 0.005953662

Distribution of Sample Means



Simulation(sample) variance:

svar

[1] 0.6375963

Theoretical variance:

tvar

[1] 0.625

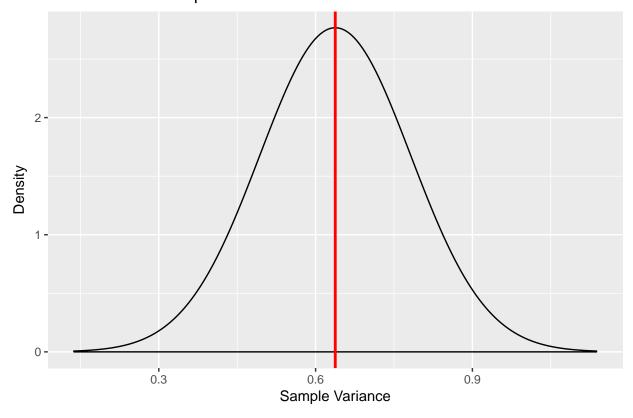
Comparison:

Difference between simulation(sample) variance and theoretical variance:

diff_v

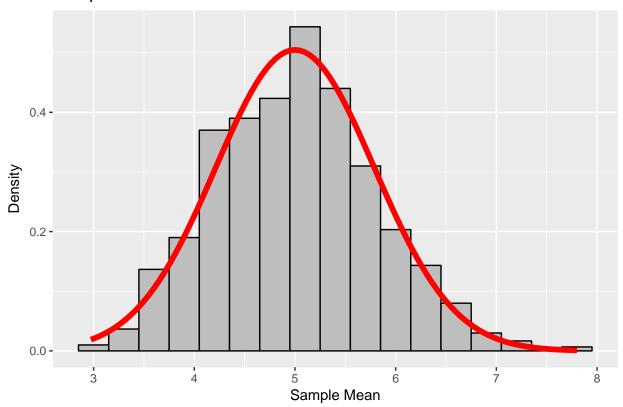
[1] 0.01259626

Distribution of Sample Variances



Distribution:

Comparison of Simulation and Theoretical Distribution



The red line is the theoretical data, and the histogram is the distribution of the samples. The plot shows that the red line overlays on the histogram of the samples. Therefore, the sample distribution is roughly normal.